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QUICK FIX

— **Report card:** Lawmakers react to Amazon's anti-counterfeit moves and YouTube's steps to crack down on predatory behavior.

— **Wooing HQ2:** New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo isn't done courting Amazon for its coveted second headquarters.

— **Who's counting?** Facebook revealed that a greater proportion of

teens took part in its controversial data harvesting research project than it had previously disclosed.

**** A message from The National Association of Broadcasters:**

Local TV broadcasters are on Capitol Hill this week to urge their legislators to oppose the reauthorization of narrow STELAR legislation that prevents viewers from receiving their local TV channels. Learn more [here](#). **

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DRIVING THE DAY

RATING AMAZON, YOUTUBE POLICY TWEAKS — The tech giants unveiled some major policy changes on Thursday, but key lawmakers aren't exactly applauding.

— **Time will tell:** In a [blog post](#), Amazon announced it will give brands on its platform added tools to remove counterfeits, including machine learning to detect fake products and a mechanism to take down flagged items. "We're encouraged that Amazon seems to finally be taking some action on counterfeit products, but it remains to be seen how effective this new program will actually be," a spokesperson for House Energy and Commerce Chairman [Frank Pallone](#) (D-N.J.) told MT. Last year Pallone [pressed the company](#) on the pervasiveness of counterfeit products on its site, warning they "jeopardize consumers and third-party sellers."

— **That's all you got?** Google-owned YouTube, meanwhile, [announced it will disable comments](#) on videos featuring young children, a move that comes amid intense scrutiny of how the site deals with predatory behavior. Recent reports detailed how pedophiles have used YouTube's comment sections to target minors. Sen. [Ed](#)

[Markey](#) (D-Mass.), who for decades has spearheaded calls to protect kids online, said the move is not enough. "Rather than tinkering with user comment policies, Google should make comprehensive changes to its platform in order to protect kids," he told MT. "It has an ethical obligation to do so."

NEW YORK AND AMAZON'S 'WILL-THEY-WON'T-THEY' MOMENT

— New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) "is furiously working behind the scenes to lure" Amazon's coveted headquarters back to New York City, [according to The New York Times](#), "even connecting with Jeff Bezos, Amazon's founder, to make a personal pitch." The story goes on: "The governor has had multiple phone conversations with Amazon executives, including Mr. Bezos, over the past two weeks, according to two people with knowledge of the efforts. In those calls, Mr. Cuomo said he would navigate the company through the byzantine governmental process."

— **Cuomo's stance contrasts with that of progressive lawmakers** inside and outside the state, who [celebrated Amazon's decision](#) to cancel plans for a New York HQ2 as a victory for the city's residents. A number of other states, meanwhile, [are keeping hope alive](#) that Amazon will pick them. (The company has said it doesn't plan to reopen the contest.)

FACEBOOK'S DATA HARVESTING ADMISSION — Facebook has revealed that the percentage of teen users in its controversial data harvesting research project was higher than previously disclosed. In a letter to Sen. [Mark Warner](#) (D-Va.), Facebook public policy executive Kevin Martin (a former FCC chairman) said 18 percent of the users paid by the company to install the app were teenagers. The company had initially placed that figure at under 5 percent. (According to Martin, the new number reflects the full duration of the project.) A Facebook spokesperson argued that despite the upward revision, it still "was not a teen-focused app."

— **The revelation that Facebook paid people as young as 13** to install the app to study their phone and web activity [drew bipartisan outrage on Capitol Hill](#) when the news broke last month. Warner said in a statement he still has "grave concerns" that Facebook used the

research app "in ways that users do not reasonably expect."

ROBOCOP — A bipartisan, bicameral trio of lawmakers on Thursday reintroduced legislation aimed at curbing unwanted robocalls, the top consumer complaint to the FCC. The Help Americans Never Get Unwarranted Phone (HANGUP) Calls Act, sponsored by Markey and Sen. [Mike Lee](#) (R-Utah) in the Senate and Rep. [Anna Eshoo](#) (D-Calif) in the House, would apply anti-robocall rules to debt collectors seeking funds owed to the federal government and federal contractors, two categories that currently enjoy an exemption. "The HANGUP Act ensures that government and government contractors are held to the same standard that we hold independent and private businesses," Lee said in a statement.

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ESHOO-IN — A group of over 90 local officials this week backed a separate Eshoo bill that would overturn the FCC's controversial 5G order. The letter, organized by Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan and San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo, criticized the agency's move to pre-empt local rules on 5G equipment installation as "overreaching" and expressed support for Eshoo's Accelerating Wireless Broadband Development by Empowering Local Communities Act (H.R. 530). "The FCC let industry write its own regulations leading to a complete freezing out of local governments from having a say in how 5G

infrastructure is deployed," Eshoo told MT. The FCC did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

IN DA PCLOB — The Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday approved two nominees for the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, in another step toward restoring the body to its full complement of five members. "The panel, in a single voice vote, approved former FCC Enforcement Bureau Chief Travis LeBlanc and Aditya Bamzai, who previously served in DOJ's Office of Legal Counsel and National Security Division, to join the five-member board," Pro Cyber's Martin Matishak reports. Senate Judiciary leaders [told MT earlier this month](#) they saw a clear path to confirmation for the positions, seen as key to U.S. compliance with the Privacy Shield data sharing pact with the European Union.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR LOTS O' HEARINGS — A series of hearings next week will tackle antitrust, tech workforce diversity and Chinese IP theft. Here's the breakdown:

— **The fun kicks off Tuesday with a Senate Judiciary antitrust subpanel hearing** titled "Does America Have a Monopoly Problem?: Examining Concentration and Competition in the US Economy." While the session is not explicitly tech-related, several panel members — including [Josh Hawley](#) (R-Mo.) and [Marsha Blackburn](#) (R-Tenn.) — have hammered the industry over a litany of grievances, including concerns about anti-competitive practices.

— **Then on Wednesday**, House Energy and Commerce will [dive into diversity in the tech sector](#) and what effect it has on the development of emerging technologies. The tech-related sessions close out Thursday with a Senate Commerce security subcommittee hearing on the security challenges posed by China, featuring testimony from the Information Technology Industry Council.

PLUS: TRUMP (NO, NOT THAT ONE) TALKS BULLYING — First lady Melania Trump next week will kick off a three-state tour to discuss "the well-being of children, online safety, and opioid abuse," three key tenets of her "Be Best" campaign, according to a news release. "Whether it is social media and technology or drug and

alcohol abuse, children in our country and around the world are faced with many challenges," Trump said. The first lady's anti-bullying campaign has long drawn skepticism and even mockery from detractors, given President Donald Trump's propensity to attack critics on Twitter.

RSA CONFERENCE: POLITICO's Morning Cybersecurity Newsletter is heading to RSAC 2019, March 4-8 in San Francisco. From the latest trends to best practices, RSAC 2019 is the hub for cybersecurity intel. POLITICO cybersecurity reporter Tim Starks will be onsite to cover the expert-led sessions, keynote speakers and report on the latest in cybersecurity. Check in with [Morning Cybersecurity](#) each day to receive dedicated conference coverage and register [here](#) to attend RSAC.

SILICON VALLEY MUST READS

— **'80s nostalgia runs deep:** A majority of U.S. cities are running on computer systems from the 1980s due to lack of funding for digital infrastructure, [Bloomberg reports](#).

— **Can you hear me now? Oh ... :** "Why Facebook still seems to spy on you," [The Wall Street Journal reports](#).

— **Fake news frontier:** As India and Pakistan stood on the potential brink of war, an online misinformation campaign stoking divisions was already underway, [BuzzFeed News reports](#).

QUICK DOWNLOADS

— **Unfiltered:** Content moderators from across the Internet talk about everything from free speech gray areas to the future of online moderating, [OneZero reports](#).

— **Damage control:** Huawei took out a full-page ad in The Wall Street Journal, urging readers not to "believe everything you hear," [CNBC reports](#).

— **But the app is still free!** "Some Facebook content reviewers in India complain of low pay, high pressure," [Reuters reports](#).



HAPPENING TODAY

9:15 a.m. — The Cato Institute [holds a conference](#) on "Who's Afraid of Big Tech?" 1000 Massachusetts Ave. NW, F.A. Hayek Auditorium.

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Thirty years ago, a narrow satellite television law was passed to help budding satellite companies better compete with big cable monopolies. Today, these companies are billion-dollar media behemoths and technological advances allow satellite companies to deliver local TV stations to all markets. That law, the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act (STELA), should expire as Congress intended at the end of 2019.

Today, the satellite companies use this law as an excuse to deny viewers their local TV channels, instead importing TV signals from outside of the community. Viewers rely on local stations for news, weather and life-saving emergency information. Congress should oppose reauthorization of STELAR, which is being used to prevent some viewers from receiving the vital information provided by their local TV stations. Learn more [here](#). **

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